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Asynuche as the tyme wherein common Interludes in the Englishe tongue ar wont vsually to be played, is now past bytill Allhallontyde, and that also some that haue ben of late vsed, are not couenient in any good ordred Christian Comon weale to be vsed. The Quenes Maiestie doth straightly forbyd al maner Interludes to be playde eyther openly or priuately, except the same be notified befoze hande, and licenced within any Citie or towne corporate, by the Maior or other chiefe officers of the same, and within any shyre, by suche as shalbe Lieutenantes for the Quenes Maiestie in the same shyre, or by two of the Iustices of peare inhabyting within that part of the shire where any shalbe played.

AND for instruction to euery of the sayde officers, her maiestie doth likewise charge euery of them as they will aunswere: that they permyt none to be played wherein either matters of religion or of the gouernaunce of the estate of the commō weale shalbe handled or treated, beyng no meete matters to be wyrtten or treated vpon, but by merne of auctoritie, learning and wisdom, nor to be handled befoze any audience, but of graue and discrete persons: All which partes of this proclamation, her maiestie chargeth to be inuiolably kepte. And if anye shal attempte to the contrary: her maiestie giueth all manner of officers that haue auctoritie to see common peare kepte in commaundement, to arrest and enprison the parties so offendinge for the space of fourtene dayes or more, as cause shal nede: And furder also untill good assuraunce may be founde and gyuen, that they shalbe of good behauiour, and no more to offende in the like.

AND further her maiestie gyueth speciall charge to her nobilitie and gentilmen, as they professe to obey and regarde her maiestie, to take good order in thys behalfe wyth their seruauntes being players, that this her maiesties commaundement may be duly kepte and obeyed.

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to the Quenes Maiestie.

Cum priuilegio. Regie Maiestatis.